

The Chase Walk 2010

SATURDAY 20th MARCH

A competitive walk for teams of 4 to 7, starting and finishing at the Beaudesert Scout Campsite, and taking in some of the beautiful Cannock Chase. The event is open to members of the Scout Association; proof of membership may be required. The route is approximately 40-miles, mainly off the roads along paths and tracks. The walk will start from 0600HRS and teams must complete the course by 0100HRS the following morning. The minimum age for entry is 14 years on the day of the walk. This is a team event and although members of the team may retire, the remaining walkers must keep together as a team.

The entry fee of £13 per walker provides all campsite fees, snacks and drinks around the course and transport back to Beaudesert should you retire. For your safety checkpoints are linked by radio to a central computer which will monitor your progress around the course. After the walk you will receive a badge and certificate together with a results sheet.

Meals at Beaudesert are available throughout the weekend if you require them.

Trophies are provided for the fastest times in the following classes which include:-

- ◆ THE ROCK (all members of the team aged over 14 and under 18 years)
- ◆ THE BOOT (all members of team aged over 18 and below 25 years)
- ◆ THE CRUTCH (any team member is aged 25 years or above)
- ◆ THE KNOT (no members have taken part in the event before)
- ◆ THE COMPASS (team to finish with both male and female members)
- ◆ THE VETERAN'S TROPHY (team to finish with an average age of 45 years or over)
- ◆ THE BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY TROPHY (all 7 members that started must finish)
- ◆ THE ROLLING PIN (all team members are female)

We are again running a walk for Scouts aged 11-14.

Many teams have had to be turned away in the past

PLEASE BOOK EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT.

ACCOMMODATION

There will be no indoor accommodation. You are advised to bring tents.

ENTRIES

When your entry is received you will get back a copy of the walker's handbook for each member of your team. This will give all the information you will require for the walk, including route and checkpoint locations. This book will be posted at the end February and available to download.

Please note that we can only allow 600 walkers. Please do not leave your entry until the last minute. First come first served.

If you are not a Scout or Guide team then please contact the organisers prior to entry.

The entry fee is £13 (same as 2009) per walker which includes:-

- Campsite fees at Beaudesert.
- Badge and certificate.
- Food and drinks on the course.
- Free tea and coffee at Beaudesert during the weekend.
- Radio linked checkpoints for safety cover.
- Transport to the finish should you have to retire.
- Results sheets after the event.
- Postage.

If you have any questions regarding the event, please contact:

Mark Thomas,
17 Rectory Park Avenue,
Sutton Coldfield,
West Midlands,
B75 7BL. 0121 378 1118

MEALS

Hot meals will be available at Beaudesert for both teams and support staff on Saturday evening. Snacks are provided for walkers at some checkpoints on the course and drinks at most checkpoints.

PLEASE NOTE that the food provided around the course is to supplement your own food. We are not providing all your food for the duration of the walk.

MEALS AVAILABLE AT BEAUDESERT	
<u>SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BREAKFAST A</u> Cereals Sausages, Bacon, Beans, Tomatoes, Egg. Bread and Butter Toast & Marmalade Tea or Coffee	<u>SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BREAKFAST B</u> Cereals Beans on Toast with Egg. Bread and Butter Toast & Marmalade Tea or Coffee

Evening meals are available from Beaudesert. Pay at time of purchase.

1a Entries must be made on official entry forms (photocopies allowed) and all information required must be supplied together with the appropriate entry fee which is not returnable.

1b Entries must be from TEAMS of 4 to 7 people aged 14 or over on the day of the event.

1c Entries will be closed when the maximum number of walkers is reached or on 31st January, whichever is the sooner.

1d The organisers reserve the right to change any team name inappropriate to a Scouting event.

2 Each competitor will be issued with a walk card at registration. This must be carried BY THE INDIVIDUAL WALKER and be produced and punched at each checkpoint reached.

3a Competitors may only retire at official checkpoints. If a checkpoint cannot be reached a message must be sent to the nearest checkpoint or, if appropriate, direct to walk control. The remainder of the team may continue and be in the competition provided that they are 4 or more in number and carry the specified team equipment. Teams with less than 4 walkers remaining may join with other full or part teams to complete the walk but will not be eligible for trophies.

3b Teams must keep together at all times. Retired walkers cannot continue with another team.

4 Competitors may be disqualified if :

- ◆ Any of the rules are broken.
- ◆ The country code and rules of the road are disobeyed.
- ◆ **Members of the team do not keep together.**
- ◆ The stated route is not kept to.
- ◆ Checkpoints are not visited in the correct order.
- ◆ **Any** assistance is received except in an emergency.
- ◆ In the opinion of a marshall a walker is unfit to continue.
- ◆ A checkpoint is reached after its allocated cut-off time.

5a Walking boots in good order **GIVING ANKLE SUPPORT, MUST** be worn at **ALL TIMES.**

5b **PERSONAL equipment to be worn or carried in a rucksack BY EACH COMPETITOR :**

- ◆ Warm shirt.
- ◆ Warm hat.
- ◆ Socks.

- ◆ Long trousers or breeches (NOT denim).
- ◆ Two long sleeved sweaters.
- ◆ Warm gloves or mittens.
- ◆ Quality wind & waterproof coat & overtrousers.
- ◆ Food for consumption en route.
- ◆ Pencil and paper.
- ◆ Whistle and Compass.
- ◆ Torch with spare batteries and bulb.
- ◆ Watch.
- ◆ Polythene exposure bag at least 6'x2'6" 500 gauge (or metric equivalent)
- ◆ Mug.
- ◆ 2 x 20p coins.
- ◆ **Reflective material must be visible front and rear during the hours of darkness.**
- ◆ Completed route plan from walkers' handbook.

6 **In addition each TEAM must carry**

- ◆ First Aid kit which should include as a minimum a good supply of plasters and 2 large triangular bandages).
- ◆ Emergency high energy food pack.
- ◆ Thermos flask with hot drink.
- ◆ Sleeping bag (suitable for keeping a casualty warm).
- ◆ 2 sets of OS maps of the route (1:50000 sheets 127 & 128). Total 4 maps. OR 2 of Explorer 6 Cannock Chase & Chasewater (1:25000) Photocopies NOT accepted.

7 **The above list of equipment will be strictly adhered to at the kit check. If you have any queries please contact us before the event. TEAMS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO START, or continue the walk unless the equipment listed in rules 5 and 6 can be produced at the kit check and at spot checks carried out by inspection teams on the course.**

8 Acceptance of all applications will be at the discretion of the organisers. On completing the registration form, all competitors agree to accept the rules and conditions governing the event. The organisers decision will be final in any dispute. The rules may be changed if it is necessary in the interests of safety.

9 **To comply with Scouting & Guiding insurance registration forms must be signed by someone with the appropriate hillwalking authorisation. TEAMS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO START WITHOUT THIS SIGNATURE.**

10 The organisers accept no responsibility whatsoever for any accident, injury or loss of property incurred during the weekend of the event.

CHASE WALK ENTRY FORM 2010 (Scout & Guide Teams)

PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITALS LEGIBLY

TEAM NAME:	
SCOUT GROUP:	
DISTRICT:	
CORRESPONDENT:	TEL. NO.:
ADDRESS:	
	POST CODE:
ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE THE COURSE	Hours
PLEASE SUPPLY AN E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR CONTACT PURPOSES	
Entries will be confirmed via e-mail and on the website.	

Please note that no names of team members are needed at this time.

Boxes marked * MUST be completed

*	WALKERS ENTERED	AT £13	£
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*	MID COURSE SNACKS (MEAT)	IN WITH ENTRY FEE	
*	MID COURSE SNACKS (VEGETARIAN)		

	SATURDAY BREAKFASTS A	AT £2.50	£
	SATURDAY BREAKFASTS B	AT £2.50	£
	SUNDAY BREAKFASTS A	AT £2.50	£
	SUNDAY BREAKFASTS B	AT £2.50	£

	CHEQUE ENCLOSED (PAYABLE TO "CHASE WALK")	£
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Entries will be closed when the maximum number of walkers is reached or on 31st January 2010, which ever is the sooner.

Return to:- **Mark Thomas, 17 Rectory Park Avenue, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B75 7BL**

Please note that teams wishing to use Beaudesert for practice walks MUST contact the warden before leaving vehicles on site.